GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2774
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2006
DISCRIMINATION OF TRIBAL STUDENTS
Senthil Dr. Raman

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes or Government has received representations alleging discriminations in AIIMS/IITs/IISs Bangalore and IIMs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; year-wise and institute-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to set right the injustice meted out to ST students?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R KYNDIAH)

(a): No Sir.However,the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes,taking suomoto cognizance of the news report appeared in Indian Express dated 29.6.2006 alleging harassment and discrimination of Scheduled Castel/Scheduled Tribe medical students in allotment of hostel rooms, residing in AIIMS hostels,requested both,the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Director, AIIMS to investigate in the matter/ conduct an inquiry and submit a detailed report to the Commission. As per the Enquiry Report submitted by AIIMS, the allegations were found to be untrue as the allotment/changes of rooms in all the hostels were made, based on the requests by the students themselves.

The Commission intervened in another case following the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 7.9.2006, on the request of this Ministry helped Shri Balaram Tudu,a tribal student from Orissa who had wrongly been deprived of admission in IIT Kharagpur,to get admitted by creating one additional seat.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.